

1 **CLAIMS**

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3 1. A dressing comprising a bandage section, having a
4 perimeter sufficient to occlude a wound, and a valve
5 section that allows the escape of fluid, wherein the
6 valve section lies substantially on the same plane
7 as the bandage section.

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9 2. A dressing, as in Claim 1, wherein the bandage
10 section comprises a transparent area.

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12 3. A dressing, as in Claims 1 or 2, wherein an outer
13 edge of the bandage section is provided with
14 adhesive.

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16 4. A dressing, as in Claim 3, wherein the adhesive is
17 covered with a removable protective outer film prior
18 to use.

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20 5. A dressing, as in Claims 1 to 4, wherein the valve
21 section comprises a one-way valve.

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23 6. A dressing, as in Claims 1 to 5, wherein the one-way
24 valve comprises a flutter valve.

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26 7. A dressing, as in Claim 6, wherein the flutter valve
27 comprises one leaflet.

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29 8. A dressing, as in Claim 6, wherein the flutter valve
30 comprises two leaflets.

1 9. A dressing, as in any of the previous Claims,
2 wherein the one-way valve is housed in a
3 substantially rigid casing.

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5 10. A dressing, as in any of the previous Claims,
6 wherein the bandage section is substantially
7 elliptical or circular in shape.

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9 11. A dressing, as in any of the previous Claims,
10 wherein the bandage section is provided with an
11 extending tag section allow for easy gripping.

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13 12. A dressing, as in any of the previous Claims,
14 wherein the valve section can be provided with a
15 collection bag.

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17 13. A dressing, as in any of the previous Claims,
18 wherein the dressing is manufactured from a
19 waterproof material.

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21 14. A dressing, as in any of the previous Claims,
22 wherein the dressing is manufactured from non-
23 allergenic material(s).

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25 15. A dressing, as in any of the previous Claims,
26 wherein the dressing is manufactured from a plastic
27 material.

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29 16. A dressing, as in any of the previous Claims,
30 wherein the dressing is manufactured from latex.

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- 1 17. A dressing, as in any of the previous Claims,
2 wherein the valve section is provided with an
3 irrigation flushing system.
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- 5 18. A dressing, as in Claim 16, wherein the irrigation
6 flushing system comprises an aperture in the casing
7 of the valve section through which fluid can be
8 inserted.
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- 10 19. A dressing, as in Claim 17, wherein the flushing
11 system comprises a tube and a valve.
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- 13 20. A dressing, as in Claim 19, wherein the tube is
14 provided with perforations.
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- 16 21. A dressing, as in any of the previous Claims,
17 wherein the bandage section further comprises one or
18 more membrane layers.
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- 20 22. A dressing, as in Claim 21, wherein, in use, air or
21 fluid is provided between the layers, such that
22 tension is applied to a wound.